Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 018 - 00965 - 0453 - 053 | Date: 01/18/18 | Time: 1940 hours

Location: [redacted] Elmcroft Avenue | City or Station: Norwalk

Bureau/Station/Facility: South Patrol Division/Norwalk Station | Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO

Type of Force: Baton Launching System/12-Gauge StunBag/Electro-Muscular Disruption Device (TASER)

Incident Category: ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3 | Deputy Injury: ○ YES ◉ NO | Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO

☒ Call ☐ Observation ☐ Detail ☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit

IAB Notified: ◉ YES ○ NO | Person Notified: Lt. Burse | Emp: [redacted] | IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee #: [redacted] | Last Name: Mort | First Name: Kevin | Middle I.: E | Rank: DSG

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: W | Height: 5'10 | Weight: 175 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Norwalk | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 45K2

Individual Force Used: Baton Launching System (40mm A.R.W.E.N.) | ◉ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

E 2

Employee #: [redacted] | Last Name: [redacted] | First Name: [redacted] | Middle I.: | Rank: DSG

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: H | Height: 6'0 | Weight: 245 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Norwalk | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 48

Individual Force Used: 12-Gauge StunBag | ◉ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○ 1 ◉ 2 ○ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

E 3

Employee #: 464239 | Last Name: [redacted] | First Name: [redacted] | Middle I.: | Rank: B-1

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: W | Height: 6'1 | Weight: 200 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: Norwalk | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 48

Individual Force Used: Electro-Muscular Disruption Device (TASER) | ◉ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○ 1 ◉ 2 ○ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

☐ Additional Involved Employees

Section	Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
On Duty Supervisor	[redacted]	Gonzalez	Godin	P	Sgt	YES ◉ NO ○	YES ◉ NO ○
Supervisor Completing Investigation	[redacted]	Veatch	Amber	N	Sgt	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉
Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant	[redacted]	Burse	Michael		LT		

Quitman V. Carter / [signature] — Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature**: | Date: 10/4/18 | Copy Provided to Employee by: | Emp #:

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** | Unit Commander's **Signature**: | Emp #: | Date

DISCOVERY Use Only
FO#

☒ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Gonzalez	Godin	P

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Norwalk	40S	◯ EM ◯ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ◯ OT ◯ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Crisafi	Chad	M

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Norwalk	43T1	◯ EM ◯ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ◯ OT ◯ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Salazar Jr.	Alfredo	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Norwalk	46GS	◯ EM ◯ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ◯ OT ◯ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]		56	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	22	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]			[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]		31	[redacted]

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

☒ Additional Witness

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Becerra	Israel	B.
Unit of Assignment: Norwalk	**Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):** 46T1	**Shift:** ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty
[redacted]	Goble	Casey	L.
Unit of Assignment: Norwalk	**Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):** 43K5	**Shift:** ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty
[redacted]	Arcos Jr.	Walter	M.
Unit of Assignment: Norwalk	**Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):** 45K1	**Shift:** ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Phone #1**	**Phone #2**
Last Name	**First Name**	**Middle Name**	**Age**	**D.O.B.**
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Phone #1**	**Phone #2**
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Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Phone #1**	**Phone #2**

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Alatorre Jr.	Alonso	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Norwalk	46K5	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Busch	Richard	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
Norwalk	41S	○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM	◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
		○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Castro	First Name: Jose	Middle Name: Guadalupe	Armed? Select: Other Weapon: Edged
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:	

Sex	Race	Age	Height	Weight	D.O.B	Phone #1	Phone #2
(●) Male ( ) Female	H	41	5'06	170	01/04/76	( ) H ( ) W ( ) C	( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: [redacted] City: [redacted] State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 5208096 Primary Charge Code: 245(a)(1) PC Secondary Charge Code: 422 PC [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? (●) YES ( ) NO Name: LA County Fire Unit: Engine 115 Phone #: 562-868-0411

Hospital Admission? [X] Rec'd Treatment At: LA County/USC Medical Coroner Case #: Mental History [X] User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Dr. Adam Laudenslager Address: 2051 Marengo Street, L.A. CA 90033 Phone #: (323) 409-1000

Under Influence: (●) YES ( ) NO Substance: CNS Stimulant 5150 a factor in force? (●) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: 01/19/18 Time: 0755 [ ] Audiotape: [X] Videotape: [X] Photos of Injuries: [ ] ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:	Armed? Select
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:	

Sex	Race	Age	Height	D.O.B.	Weight	Phone #1	Phone #2
( ) Male ( ) Female						( ) H ( ) W ( ) C	( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: [ ] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? [ ] Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History [ ] User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: Time: [ ] Audiotape: [ ] Videotape: [ ] Photos of Injuries: [ ] ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:	Armed? Select
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:	

Sex	Race	Age	Height	D.O.B.	Weight	Phone #1	Phone #2
( ) Male ( ) Female						( ) H ( ) W ( ) C	( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: City: State & Zip Code:

Booking #: Primary Charge Code: Secondary Charge Code: [ ] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO By: Unit: Phone #:

Hospital Admission? [ ] Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case #: Mental History [ ] User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Address: Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO Substance: 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: Time: [ ] Audiotape: [ ] Videotape: [ ] Photos of Injuries: [ ] ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[ ] **Additional Suspects Involved**

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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Suspect Castro	S	Deputy Crisafi	E#6	HR	NN	
Deputy Mort	E#1	Suspect Castro	S	AW	FR	SH
Suspect Castro	S	Deputy Mort	E#1	HR	NN	
[redacted]	E#2	Suspect Castro	S	ST	SD	AD
Suspect Castro	S	[redacted]	E#2	HR	NN	
[redacted]	E#2	Suspect Castro	S	ST	NN	
Suspect Castro	S	[redacted]	E#2	HR	NN	
[redacted]	E#2	Suspect Castro	S	ST	NN	
Suspect Castro	S	[redacted]	E#2	HR	NN	
[redacted]	E#2	Suspect Castro	S	ST	SD	BK
Suspect Castro	S	[redacted]	E#2	HR	NN	
Deputy Mort	E#1	Suspect Castro	S	AW	SD	BK
Suspect Castro	S	Deputy Mort	E#1	HR	NN	
Deputy Mort	E#1	Suspect Castro	S	AW	SD	AD
Suspect Castro	S	[redacted]	E#3	HR	NN	
[redacted]	E#3	Suspect Castro	S	TR	PW	AD

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT: **Category III Use of Force, Fractured Clavicle**

IAB FILE #: **FO 2445432**

URN #: **018-00965-0453-053**

DATE/TIME: **January 18, 2018 / 1940 hours**

LOCATION: [redacted]**Elmcroft Avenue, Norwalk**

SUMMARY

On January 18, 2018, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Michael Burse #[redacted] Sergeants David Moore #[redacted] and Amber Veatch #[redacted] responded to Norwalk Station regarding a Category III Use of Force. The use of force resulted in a fractured clavicle bone of Suspect Jose Castro (hereafter referred to as Suspect Castro).

Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] Unit 48, authored a County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Incident Report, under URN #018-00965-0453-053, dated January 18, 2018 **[EXHIBIT A]**. Also, supplemental reports were written by Sergeant Godin Gonzalez #[redacted] Deputy Chad Crisafi #[redacted] Sergeant Alfredo Salazar #[redacted] Deputy Israel Becerra #[redacted] Deputy Casey Goble #[redacted] Deputy Walter Arcos #[redacted] Sergeant Richard Busch #[redacted] Deputy Kevin Mort #[redacted] and Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] **[EXHIBIT B]** documenting the incident.

SYNOPSIS

On January 18, 2018, at approximately 1935 hours, Norwalk Station (NWK) received a 911 call from the victim ([redacted]) **[EXHIBIT C & D]**. The victim is a taxi driver and while at a gas station located at 11009 Rosecrans Avenue, Norwalk, the suspect (later identified as Jose Castro) approached him (victim) with a screwdriver in his hand and demanded a free ride. Fearing for his safety, the victim drove the suspect to the corner of Leffingwell Road and Elmcroft Avenue, in the city of Norwalk. The suspect's behavior was odd and aggressive. Armed with a screwdriver and stating he had a gun, the suspect threatened the victim and said he would kill the victim if he called the police. The suspect exited the taxi and the victim called the police.

Unit 43T1, Deputy Crisafi #[redacted] and Unit 40S, Sergeant Gonzalez #[redacted] were near the area when the call for service was broadcasted. Sergeant Gonzalez and

Deputy Crisafi met at the corner of Leffingwell Road and Studebaker Road then drove into the area together.

Upon arrival, they saw the suspect at the corner of Leffingwell Road and Elmcroft Avenue. The suspect had a screwdriver in his right hand and the suspect kept threatening to shoot the deputies. The suspect had a bulky black object seated in his waistband. Deputies believed the object could have been the butt of a handgun. Deputy Crisafi activated the patch and advised he was detaining a 245 suspect at gunpoint and requested additional units to his location.

The suspect refused to comply with Deputy Crisafi's orders to drop the screwdriver and walked south on Elmcroft Avenue from Leffingwell Road. Deputy Crisafi re-entered his vehicle and followed slowly behind the suspect. The suspect finally stopped in the middle of the street in front of [redacted] Elmcroft Avenue. Deputy Crisafi took a position in the A frame of his SUV patrol vehicle, and detained the suspect at gunpoint. Sergeant Gonzalez and responding Sergeant Salazar took a position in the passenger side door frame of Deputy Crisafi's vehicle.

Assisting units arrived on scene and Sergeant Gonzalez formulated a tactical plan with them. Deputy Crisafi was ordered to continue communicating with the suspect in order to gain compliance. Sergeant Gonzalez gave each deputy an assigned weapon or task. Deputy Mort was assigned the A.R.W.E.N., Deputy [redacted] was assigned the 12-Gauge StunBag, Deputy [redacted] was assigned the TASER, Deputy Crisafi was assigned as a lethal option, Deputy Arcos was assigned the radio (hot radio), and Deputy Becerra and Deputy Goble were assigned as the arrest team. The plan was to continue to give the suspect verbal commands in an attempt to gain compliance. If the suspect's aggressive behavior elevated, the plan was to use the less lethal options.

After several minutes and multiple commands, the suspect still failed to comply with Deputy Crisafi's orders. The suspect began to advance slowly towards deputies with the screwdriver in hand. At a distance of approximately 35 feet, Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire the A.R.W.E.N. Deputy Mort announced the firing of the A.R.W.E.N. and hit the suspect in the upper left chest area. The impact of the A.R.W.E.N. did not have the desired effect on the suspect. According to numerous accounts, the suspect became angrier and continued his erratic and uncooperative behavior.

Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire another A.R.W.E.N. round. Deputy Mort had a difficult time reloading the A.R.W.E.N. therefore, Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy [redacted] to fire a StunBag round at the suspect. From a distance of approximately 35 feet, Deputy [redacted] announced the deployment of the StunBag and fired one StunBag round. The StunBag round hit the suspect in the left flank area of his back. The StunBag round did not have an effect on the suspect. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy [redacted] to fire a second round. Deputy [redacted] second round missed. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered a third round deployed. Deputy [redacted] third round also missed the suspect. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy [redacted] to fire a fourth round.

Deputy [redacted] fourth StunBag round made contact with the suspect, but it is unclear where on his body the round impacted.

The fourth StunBag round caused the suspect to drop the screwdriver onto the ground however, he quickly picked it back up. Deputy Mort was able to manipulate and reload the A.R.W.E.N. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to deploy a second A.R.W.E.N. round. Deputy Mort fired a second A.R.W.E.N. round at the suspect striking him in an unknown area on his body. The suspect's behavior was still aggressive and erratic. The suspect was jumping around with the screwdriver in hand, yelling at the deputies to shoot him before he shot them. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire a third A.R.W.E.N. round. Deputy Mort fired the A.R.W.E.N. and hit Suspect Castro in the middle of his back. The impact of the round caused Suspect Castro to drop the screwdriver and he moved away from it.

Sergeant Gonzalez ordered the arrest team to advance toward the suspect. Deputies [redacted] Becerra, Goble, and Sergeants Salazar and Gonzalez made a slow approach towards the suspect in a wedge formation.

Deputy [redacted] tried to flank the suspect to the rear, but the suspect turned toward him. The suspect dropped his arms to his side, clenched his fists, and moved his weight forward. Fearing the suspect would charge [redacted] Sergeant Gonzalez ordered [redacted] to tase the suspect. From a distance of approximately 10 to 12 feet, Deputy [redacted] made a TASER deployment announcement then deployed the TASER for one 5 second cycle. The TASER darts punctured the suspect in the abdomen area and the other in the zipper area of his jeans.

IAB Note: IAB investigators obtained [redacted] TASER download. The TASER was activated for 5 seconds at 19:28:31 on January 18, 2018. The TASER download was submitted with this case under Miscellaneous Documents.

The suspect fell to his right side, onto a nearby grassy knoll in between the curb, and the west sidewalk of Elmcroft Avenue. Deputies Becerra and Goble approached the suspect and handcuffed him without further incident.

Deputy Mort and Deputy [redacted] backdrop was a vacant street with a few parked vehicles along both the east and west curb of Elmcroft Avenue. There was no property damaged as a result of the less lethal rounds.

Several witnesses were identified and interviewed at the scene by Sergeant Salazar and responding Sergeant Busch. Sergeant Salazar interviewed Witness [redacted] and [redacted]. Sergeant Busch interviewed Witness [redacted]. Their interviews were audio recorded, transcribed, and attached as **EXHIBIT E**. Sergeant Gonzalez took photographs of the scene and of the screwdriver collected at the scene which is attached as **EXHIBIT F**. Sergeant Gonzalez obtained partial cell phone

footage captured from Witness [redacted] cell phone. Witness [redacted] was unable to transfer the video to Sergeant Gonzalez. Therefore, Sergeant Gonzalez recorded the footage utilizing the sergeant's video recorder **[EXHIBIT G].**

Suspect Jose Castro was transported to LA County / USC Medical Center (2051 Marengo Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033) and was treated for his injuries by Doctor Adam Laudenslager. Suspect Castro sustained a closed fractured clavicle **[EXHIBIT H].**

> **IAB Note: A closed fracture is a broken bone that does not penetrate the skin. https://www.verywellhealth.com/closed-fracture-2548518. Per Doctor Laudenslager the fracture was consistent with being struck by an A.R.W.E.N.**

On January 23, 2018, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office filed 4 felony counts of 417.8 PC (Brandishing a Deadly Weapon to Resist/Prevent Arrest) and 1 misdemeanor count of 417(a)(1) PC (Brandishing a Weapon) under case number XSEVA146787-01. Suspect Castro bonded out of custody and is awaiting trial. He has a pending court date of October 9, 2018 **[Miscellaneous Documents].**

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Kevin E. Mort, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]

South Patrol Division
Norwalk Station

Date of Employment as a Deputy:	July 11, 2013
Date Assigned to Patrol/Norwalk Station:	December 18, 2016
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

On January 18, 2018, Deputy Mort was wearing a Class "A" uniform, with a vest, including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment on his duty belt included: two fully loaded Department issued magazines, handcuffs, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, expandable baton, 9mm duty weapon, handheld radio, and keys.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]

South Patrol Division
Norwalk Station

Date of Employment:	July 21, 2016
Date Assigned to Patrol[redacted]Norwalk:	November 05, 2017

Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incident(s): [redacted]

Equipment Worn on Person

On January 18, 2018, Deputy [redacted] was wearing a Class "A" uniform, with a vest, including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment on his duty belt included: two fully loaded Department issued magazines, handcuffs, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, expandable baton, 9mm duty weapon, handheld radio, and keys.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]

South Patrol Division
Norwalk Station
Date of Employment: July 29, 1999
Date Assigned to Patrol/Norwalk: November 05, 2006
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incident(s): [redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

On January 18, 2018, Deputy [redacted] was wearing a Class "A" uniform, with a vest, including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment on his duty belt included: handcuffs, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, expandable baton, 9mm duty weapon, three fully loaded Department issued magazines, TASER X26, handheld radio and keys.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Jose Guadalupe Castro - Male, Hispanic, DOB: January 04, 1976, 5'06"/ 200 lbs.
[redacted]
CII #[redacted] FBI #[redacted] CDL #[redacted]

A criminal history query of Suspect Castro revealed he has [redacted]

[redacted]
- [redacted] [redacted]
- [redacted] [redacted]
- [redacted] [redacted]
- [redacted] [redacted]

At the time of the force he was [redacted].

The query also revealed Suspect Castrol must register as:



[redacted]

The Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System revealed Suspect Castro was [redacted] under multiple names. Suspect Castro's Criminal History is included **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

On January 19, 2018, Suspect Castro was seen and treated by Doctor Adam Laudenslager at the LAC + USC Medical Center. Suspect Castro had a closed fracture clavicle to his upper left chest area and an abrasion to his left rear flank area and to the middle of his back. He also had a TASER dart puncture wound to the middle stomach area. IAB investigators spoke with Dr. Laudenslager and he refused to be interviewed. However, he did confirm Suspect Castro's injuries were consistent with being hit with a rubber baton to his upper chest area causing a fractured clavicle **[EXHIBIT H]**.

A laboratory toxicology screening **[EXHIBIT H, page 34]** was completed. Suspect Castro tested positive for methamphetamine.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

No deputies were injured during the course of this incident.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

A screwdriver with a black handle approximately 3 inches in length and a door stop shaped black metal object approximately 3 inches in length was located and collected by Deputy [redacted] A description of the evidence collected is documented in **[EXHIBIT A]**. Also, see scene photographs of evidence **[EXHIBIT F]**.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY MORT

Deputy Mort fired three rounds of the Department issued 40mm projectiles from the sergeant's Department assigned A.R.W.E.N.

Date last qualified: April 11, 2014

> **IAB Note: Deputy personnel are required to qualify only once during their career. Deputies receive less lethal special weapons training (A.R.W.E.N., StunBag, Pepperball) during Jail Operations training. A copy of the Deputy Mort's complete training records were included [Miscellaneous Documents].**

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] fired four "bean bag" rounds from the Department issued 12-Gauge StunBag.

Date last qualified: January 06, 2017

IAB Note: Deputy personnel are required to qualify with the 12-Gauge StunBag only once during their career. Deputies receive less lethal special weapons training (A.R.W.E.N., StunBag, Pepperball) during Jail Operations training. A copy of the Deputy [redacted] complete training records were included [Miscellaneous Documents].

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] discharged his Department assigned TASER for one cycle lasting 5 seconds.

Date last qualified: February 28, 2018

IAB Note: Deputy personnel are required to qualify with the TASER only once during their career, unless a new model is approved. Deputies receive less lethal special weapons training (A.R.W.E.N., StunBag, Pepperball, TASER) during Jail Operations training. A copy of the Deputy [redacted] complete training records were included [Miscellaneous Documents].

PROPERTY DAMAGE

None.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred in the middle of the street, in front of [redacted] Elmcroft Avenue in the city of Norwalk at approximately 1940 hours. The weather was clear and cool. The source of illumination came from street lights, vehicle spotlights, and Aero Unit 24's helicopter spotlights.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators reviewed the radio traffic associated with the incident **[EXHIBIT C]**. The following is a brief synopsis of those transmissions:

DISPATCH CHANNEL - January 18, 2018

03:51 - Deputy Crisafi requested the patch regarding him detaining the suspect at gunpoint.

06:03 - Deputies advised SCC the suspect was making statements he had a gun (417).

06:58 - Deputy Arcos (45K1) advised he made contact with the victim.

09:04 - Sergeant Gonzalez ordered deputies to get the A.R.W.E.N. and a 12-Gauge StunBag.

09:23 - Aero advised the suspect took his shirt off and took a combative stance with deputies

10:32 - Deputy Arcos advised suspect was 918 (Possibly Violently Mentally Ill)

11:49 - Suspect seen holding a screwdriver in his hand

12:38 - Formulation of plan

14:07 - Announcement of A.R.W.E.N. deployment – advised A.R.W.E.N. not effective

15:15 - Suspect threw screwdriver

15:24 - Arrest team moving forward towards suspect

15:40 - Announcement of TASER deployment

15:52 - Deputies making contact with suspect

16:01 - Advising Code 4 – deputies detaining the suspect

16:13 - Request for fire personnel to attend to suspect

NORWALK STATION L-TAC – January 18, 2018

Units coordinated to meet at the corner of Studebaker Road and Leffingwell Road to make an approach together. Units coordinated the shutdown of several surrounding streets. A unit requested for an uninvolved unit to respond to the incident to transport the suspect to the hospital.

WITNESS VIDEO

During a canvass of the scene, Sergeant Gonzalez discovered Witness [redacted] captured part of the incident on his cell phone. Witness [redacted] was unable to

download the video footage so Sergeant Gonzalez used the sergeant's video camera to record the video. The cell phone video captured the suspect's bizarre behavior as well as the deputies' deployment of special weapons. The cell phone recording is low quality due to the lighting conditions and the cell phone's cracked screen. The cell phone recording is submitted as **EXHIBIT G.**

IAB investigators obtained two cell phone video recordings taken by the victim from inside his taxi cab. The video does not capture the use of force used by deputies however, the sounds of the deployment of the special weapons can be heard as well as the deputies giving the suspect commands. The cell phone recordings are submitted as **EXHIBIT G.**

WITNESS STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a summation of the actual interview(s). Additional information and the precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and attached transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed all reports authored by involved Department personnel.

SWORN PERSONNEL

WITNESS SERGEANT GODIN GONZALEZ (DIRECTED FORCE)

On January 18, 2018, Sergeant Gonzalez was assigned as a field supervisor, Unit 40S, Norwalk Station. While working the field, Sergeant Gonzalez heard a call for service broadcasted near the area he was at. Due to his close proximity, Sergeant Gonzalez was the first unit to arrive on scene. For officer safety reasons, Sergeant Gonzalez waited a short distance away for another unit to arrive on scene. Deputy Crisafi, Unit 43T1, arrived next. Sergeant Gonzalez and Deputy Crisafi drove cautiously towards the intersection of Leffingwell Road and Elmcroft Avenue.

Sergeant Gonzalez and Deputy Crisafi drove east on Leffingwell Road towards Elmcroft Avenue when they saw a taxi van, later identified as the victim of an assault with a deadly weapon, parked along the north curb of Leffingwell Road. The victim pointed in the direction of the suspect who was walking away from them, turning south on Elmcroft Avenue.

Deputy Crisafi and Sergeant Gonzalez drove their patrol vehicles closer to the suspect. Deputy Crisafi began to give the suspect commands to lie on the ground and prone out. The suspect failed to comply. Deputy Crisafi activated the patch and requested assistance regarding detaining a felony suspect at gunpoint. Sergeant Gonzalez parked his Tahoe along the north curb of Leffingwell Road and then joined Deputy Crisafi at his vehicle. Sergeant Gonzalez took a position in the A frame of the front passenger side door, maintaining a visual on the suspect.

The suspect continued to walk slowly away from them, south on Elmcroft Avenue. The suspect took off his shirt and began to make threats towards them. Sergeant Gonzalez could see the suspect was holding a screwdriver in his right hand and he had an object in his waistband. The suspect shouted to them he was going to shoot them. Deputy Crisafi stayed inside his vehicle and slowly followed the suspect south on Elmcroft Avenue while continuously giving him commands to stop. The suspect took a position in the middle of the street in front of [redacted] Elmcroft Avenue, where he seemed to just pace back and forth. Deputy Crisafi stopped his patrol vehicle (Ford Explorer SUV) in the middle of the street approximately 30-35 feet from the suspect and continued to give the suspect commands.

After a few minutes Aero Unit 24 arrived as well as assisting deputies. Once sufficient personnel were on scene, Sergeant Gonzalez gathered the deputies to formulate an action plan.

Sergeant Gonzalez gave each deputy an assigned weapon or task. Deputy Mort was assigned the A.R.W.E.N., Deputy [redacted] was assigned the 12-Gauge StunBag, Deputy [redacted] was assigned the TASER, Deputy Crisafi was assigned as a lethal option, Deputy Arcos was assigned the radio (hot radio), and Deputy Becerra and Deputy Goble were assigned as the arrest team. The plan was to continue giving the suspect verbal commands in an attempt at compliance. If the suspect's aggressive behavior elevated, the plan was to use the less lethal options.

After multiple attempts at giving the suspect verbal commands, the suspect was still not compliant and began to advance slowly towards the deputies with a screwdriver in his hand. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire one round from the A.R.W.E.N. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered the deployment of the A.R.W.E.N., first because the minimum distance of the A.R.W.E.N. is relatively short therefore, if the suspect charged at deputies, distance would not be an issue. The A.R.W.E.N. round struck the suspect in the upper chest area, however it did not have any effect. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire a second A.R.W.E.N. round at the suspect however, he could see Deputy Mort was having difficulty reloading the A.R.W.E.N.

He ordered Deputy [redacted] to fire a round from the 12-Gauge StunBag. Sergeant Gonzalez believed the StunBag round missed the suspect and therefore, he ordered Deputy [redacted] to fire a second round. Sergeant Gonzalez believed the second StunBag round struck the suspect, but did not have any effect. Sergeant Gonzalez again ordered Deputy [redacted] to fire a third StunBag round. Deputy [redacted] missed the suspect. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered a fourth StunBag round to be fired. Sergeant Gonzalez believed the fourth round struck the suspect but had no effect.

Deputy Mort had reloaded the A.R.W.E.N. and was ready to fire. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire a second A.R.W.E.N. round. The A.R.W.E.N. round struck the suspect and momentarily caused him to drop the screwdriver from his hand. However, the suspect then picked up the screwdriver and took a combative stance.

Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire a third A.R.W.E.N. round. The third round also struck the suspect and caused the suspect to drop the screwdriver again, but this time a farther distance than before. Sergeant Gonzalez seized the opportunity to make an approach on the suspect. Sergeant Gonzalez, Deputy [redacted] Deputy Becerra, and Deputy Goble began to advance on the suspect in a wedge formation.

As the group approached, Deputy [redacted] tried to flank the suspect and get behind him. The suspect turned towards Deputy [redacted] direction and clenched his fist in a fighting stance. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy [redacted] to tase the suspect. Deputy [redacted] then deployed the TASER. One dart struck the suspect in the upper stomach and the other on the suspect's groin area. The TASER cycle lasted for 5 seconds. The TASER had an effect on the suspect and he fell to the ground. The suspect fell onto a grassy part of a nearby sidewalk, onto his stomach. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered the arrest team deputies, Deputy Becerra and Deputy Goble, to approach and handcuff the suspect. The suspect rolled over to his back. Deputies Becerra and Goble ordered the suspect to roll back over to his stomach. The suspect complied. Deputy Goble handcuffed the suspect's right hand and Deputy Becerra handcuffed the suspect's left hand, the suspect did not resist handcuffing.

WITNESS DEPUTY CHAD CRISAFI

Deputy Crisafi (Unit 43T1) responded to the area when he heard an assault with a deadly weapon call for service broadcasted over the main dispatch channel. He was only a few minutes away. He began to coordinate his arrival with Sergeant Gonzalez who was also close by. Sergeant Gonzalez and Deputy Crisafi arrived at the location together. Deputy Crisafi drove west on Leffingwell Road towards Elmcroft Avenue. Upon arrival, Deputy Crisafi saw a taxi parked on the north curb of Leffingwell Road, just before Elmcroft Avenue, and a male Hispanic yelling on the sidewalk. From the description that was given in the call, Deputy Crisafi believed the male Hispanic whom was yelling to be the suspect.

Deputy Crisafi stopped his patrol vehicle in the middle of the street and stood in the A-frame of the driver's door. Sergeant Gonzalez parked his supervisor's Tahoe behind the taxi. Deputy Crisafi gave the suspect commands to drop the screwdriver. The suspect did not comply and walked away making a north turn onto Elmcroft Avenue from Leffingwell Road. Deputy Crisafi reentered his vehicle and followed slowly behind the suspect. The suspect stopped in the middle of the street in front of [redacted] Elmcroft Avenue. Deputy Crisafi stopped his vehicle approximately 30 feet away from the suspect, illuminated the suspect with his vehicle's spotlights, exited his patrol vehicle, and detained the suspect at gunpoint. Deputy Crisafi initiated emergent radio traffic on Norwalk Station's main radio frequency.

Assigning units responded along with an aero unit. Deputy Crisafi was designated as the lethal option and continued communicating with the suspect, while assisting units

formulated a tactical plan. Sergeant Gonzalez along with assisting deputies relayed the tactical plan to Deputy Crisafi. The suspect was agitated, yelling, screaming, and was holding a screwdriver in his right hand. Deputy Crisafi continued to give the suspect commands to drop the screwdriver. The suspect refused to comply. The suspect responded by telling the deputies he wanted them to shoot him.

After a tactical plan was formulated, Deputy Crisafi heard the deployment of the A.R.W.E.N. and the StunBag. He saw the suspect was struck with four less lethal rounds. He is unsure from which weapon the rounds that struck the suspect came from. The impact of the less lethal weapons had little to no effect on the suspect and only caused him to become angrier. The suspect dropped the screwdriver on the ground and the arrest team made an approach.

Deputy Crisafi continued giving the suspect commands to surrender as the team approached. The suspect turned toward the arrest team and took a combative stance with his fists clenched by his side. Deputy Crisafi saw Deputy [redacted] deploy a TASER. The TASER cycled for one 5 second burst. The suspect fell to a grassy area on the nearby sidewalk, along the west curb of Elmcroft Avenue, between two parked vehicles. Deputy Crisafi saw deputies make their approach toward the suspect and handcuff him quickly. Due to the distance and placement where the suspect fell to the ground, Deputy Crisafi was unable to see who handcuffed the suspect. After the suspect was handcuffed, Deputy Crisafi walked over to where the suspect was sitting on the sidewalk, awaiting paramedics. Deputy Crisafi saw an abrasion to the suspect's upper left torso area, however, the suspect was not complaining of pain.

WITNESS SERGEANT ALFREDO SALAZAR

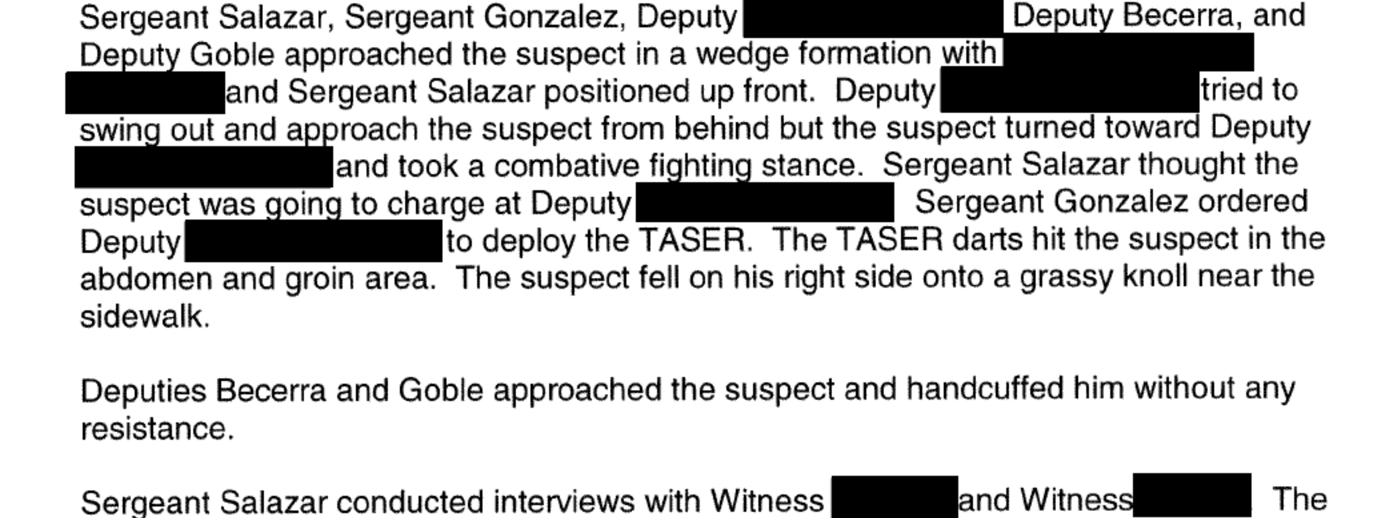
On January 18, 2018, Sergeant Salazar was assigned as Unit 46GS. He heard the call for service broadcasted over the main frequency. Once Deputy Crisafi advised he was detaining the suspect at gunpoint, Sergeant Salazar responded to the scene. Sergeant Salazar was one of the first assisting units to arrive on scene. He approached Sergeant Gonzalez and took a position with him in the A frame of Deputy Crisafi's front passenger side door.

When Deputy [redacted] arrived on scene, Sergeant Gonzalez ordered him to get the A.R.W.E.N. from his supervisor's Ford Explorer, and to grab a 12-Gauge StunBag. Sergeant Salazar was present and involved in the tactical plan formation by Sergeant Gonzalez. Deputy [redacted] returned with the less lethal special weapons and gave the A.R.W.E.N. to Deputy Mort.

After several minutes of trying to gain compliance from the suspect with verbal commands, Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire one A.R.W.E.N. round at the suspect. The round struck the suspect but appeared to make him angrier. The suspect continued to yell profanities at the deputies and jumped around erratically. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire another A.R.W.E.N. round however, Deputy Mort was unable to expel the round and reload it. Sergeant Gonzalez then

ordered Deputy [redacted] to fire several rounds from the StunBag. Sergeant Salazar helped Deputy Mort unlatch the A.R.W.E.N. to reload it. The A.R.W.E.N. was brand new and had never been used so the release button was stiff. Once Deputy Mort was able to reload the A.R.W.E.N., Sergeant Gonzalez ordered him to fire another A.R.W.E.N. round at the suspect. The round hit the suspect causing him to drop the screwdriver from his hand but he quickly picked it back up.

Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire a third A.R.W.E.N. round. The third round struck the suspect and caused him to drop the screwdriver again. The suspect stepped back from it. Sergeant Gonzalez and Sergeant Salazar ordered the arrest team to advance toward the suspect.



Sergeant Salazar, Sergeant Gonzalez, Deputy [redacted] Deputy Becerra, and Deputy Goble approached the suspect in a wedge formation with [redacted] and Sergeant Salazar positioned up front. Deputy [redacted] tried to swing out and approach the suspect from behind but the suspect turned toward Deputy [redacted] and took a combative fighting stance. Sergeant Salazar thought the suspect was going to charge at Deputy [redacted] Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy [redacted] to deploy the TASER. The TASER darts hit the suspect in the abdomen and groin area. The suspect fell on his right side onto a grassy knoll near the sidewalk.

Deputies Becerra and Goble approached the suspect and handcuffed him without any resistance.

Sergeant Salazar conducted interviews with Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted] The interviews were audio recorded **[EXHIBIT E].**

WITNESS DEPUTY ISRAEL BECERRA

While working in the city of La Mirada, Deputy Becerra heard an assault with a deadly weapon call for service broadcasted in the city of Norwalk. Shortly thereafter, he heard Deputy Crisafi activate the patch and request assistance regarding him detaining the suspect at gunpoint. Deputy Becerra responded to the city of Norwalk.

Upon Deputy Becerra's arrival, several deputies and sergeants were already on scene. He parked his vehicle and contacted the deputies near Deputy Crisafi's vehicle on Elmcroft Avenue. The suspect was in the middle of the street in front of [redacted] Elmcroft Avenue. Deputy Crisafi was giving the suspect commands; to keep his hands out of his pockets, and to drop a screwdriver he had in his hands.

Sergeant Gonzalez gave responding deputies assigned tasks and developed a tactical plan on how to deal with the suspect. Deputy Becerra and Deputy Goble were assigned as the arrest team. They took a position approximately 30 feet behind Sergeant Gonzalez, Deputy Mort, and Deputy [redacted] along the passenger side of Deputy Crisafi's patrol vehicle.

The suspect was given several orders to drop the screwdriver in his hands. The suspect did not comply and walked towards deputies in an aggressive manner. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire an A.R.W.E.N. round at the suspect. The round did not have an effect on the suspect. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Maciel to fire the StunBag. Deputy Maciel fired several StunBag rounds at the suspect. Deputy Mort fired a few more A.R.W.E.N. rounds at the suspect. Not all the rounds struck the suspect. The suspect dropped the screwdriver and Sergeant Gonzalez directed the arrest team to advance toward the suspect.

Sergeant Gonzalez, Deputy [redacted] Deputy Goble, and Deputy Becerra made an approach toward the suspect. As deputies got closer to the suspect, the suspect turned towards the deputies. Deputy [redacted] gave the suspect more commands. The suspect did not comply. Deputy [redacted] deployed his TASER for one five second cycle. The suspect fell on to his side stomach area on a grassy area near the west sidewalk. Deputies Goble and Deputy Becerra contacted the suspect. Deputy Becerra grabbed the suspect's left arm and Deputy Goble grabbed his right arm. They rolled the suspect to lay him flat onto his stomach. They were able to handcuff the suspect without any resistance. Once handcuffed, the deputies helped the suspect into a sitting position on the west curb. Deputy Becerra stood by until fire personnel arrived on scene and placed the suspect onto a gurney. The suspect did not complain of pain even though he had a large mark on his upper left torso area.

WITNESS DEPUTY CASEY GOBLE

While working in the city of Norwalk, Deputy Goble heard emergent radio traffic from Deputy Crisafi, detaining an assault suspect at gunpoint. Upon her arrival, several deputies and sergeants were already on scene. She parked her vehicle and contacted Deputy Crisafi on Elmcroft Avenue. Deputy Goble's statements were consistent with the synopsis of this summary. See attached transcripts.

WITNESS DEPUTY WALTER ARCOS, JR.

On January 18, 2018, Deputy Arcos was working as a field training officer with Deputy Amezcua. On that day, Deputy Amezcua was assigned to a desk position and did not respond to any calls for service with Deputy Arcos. When the call for service was broadcasted, Deputy Arcos began to respond to the location. Prior to his arrival, Deputy Crisafi broadcasted emergent radio traffic he was detaining the suspect at gunpoint. When Deputy Arcos arrived on scene, Deputy Crisafi was parked in the middle of the street on Elmcroft Avenue, facing southbound, giving the suspect commands. The suspect was standing approximately 30 feet south of Deputy Crisafi's vehicle, in the middle of the street.

When more assisting units began to arrive, Deputy Arcos walked over to where the victim was parked, at the corner of Elmcroft Avenue and Leffingwell Road, along the south curb. Deputy Arcos verified with the victim a violent crime had occurred, assault

with a deadly weapon and criminal threats. Deputy Arcos returned to the scene and relayed this information to responding deputies and Sergeant Gonzalez.

Sergeant Gonzalez rallied the deputies together and formulated a plan. Deputy Arcos was assigned as the "hot radio," which meant he was in charge of broadcasting emergent and/or pertinent radio traffic.

Suspect Castro was noncompliant to orders to drop the screwdriver in his hands. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire a round from the A.R.W.E.N. The A.R.W.E.N. round appeared to strike the suspect in the upper torso however, the strike did not appear to have any effect on him. Sergeant Gonzalez then ordered Deputy [redacted] to fire the StunBag. Deputy [redacted] fired 4 rounds from the StunBag. Deputy Arcos believed only two of the four rounds struck the suspect. The StunBag rounds had little to no effect on the suspect. Sergeant Gonzalez then ordered Deputy Mort to fire additional A.R.W.E.N. rounds. Deputy Mort fired two more A.R.W.E.N. rounds striking the suspect.

The suspect finally dropped the screwdriver on the ground. Deputy [redacted] Deputy Becerra, Deputy Goble, and Sergeant Gonzalez made an approach toward the suspect. Deputy Arcos stayed back at the radio car with Deputy Crisafi, as the group closed their distance on the suspect. The suspect turned towards [redacted] in a fighting stance. Deputy Arcos saw Deputy [redacted] deploy his TASER for a 5 second cycle. The TASER had an effect on the suspect and he fell to the ground. Deputies Goble and Becerra approached the suspect and handcuffed him without further incident.

WITNESS DEPUTY ALONSO ALATORRE

On January 18, 2018, Deputy Alatorre was assigned to the city of La Mirada, Unit 46K5. Deputy Alatorre heard Deputy Crisafi broadcast emergent radio traffic over Norwalk Station's main dispatch channel (13) that he was detaining a suspect at gunpoint. Deputy Alatorre responded from the city of La Mirada which is approximately a 15 minute drive. At the time of his arrival, several deputies and sergeants were on scene. Deputy Alatorre parked his radio car in the center of the street of Elmcroft Avenue and Leffingwell Road.

Deputy Alatorre exited his vehicle and walked south on Elmcroft Avenue toward deputy personnel. He could see several deputies had less lethal weapons deployed. He could see the suspect standing in the middle of the street yelling. Deputy Alatorre saw a crowd beginning to form at the corner of Elmcroft Avenue and Leffingwell Road. He determined his presence would be better served if he dealt with crowd control. Deputy Alatorre turned around and walked back to hold the crowd back. Deputy Alatorre had his back to the incident. He did not see the deployment of special weapons but he heard them. At the conclusion of the incident, Deputy Alatorre placed crime scene tape around the perimeter of the area. Deputy Alatorre did not write a supplemental report

about his observations during the incident. This concluded Deputy Alatorre's involvement.

WITNESS SERGEANT RICHARD BUSCH

On January 18, 2018, Sergeant Busch was assigned to Unit 41S. Sergeant Busch responded to the location after the use of force had already concluded, therefore, he did not witness any force used. Sergeant Busch conducted an interview with Witness [redacted] which was video and audio recorded **[EXHIBIT E].**

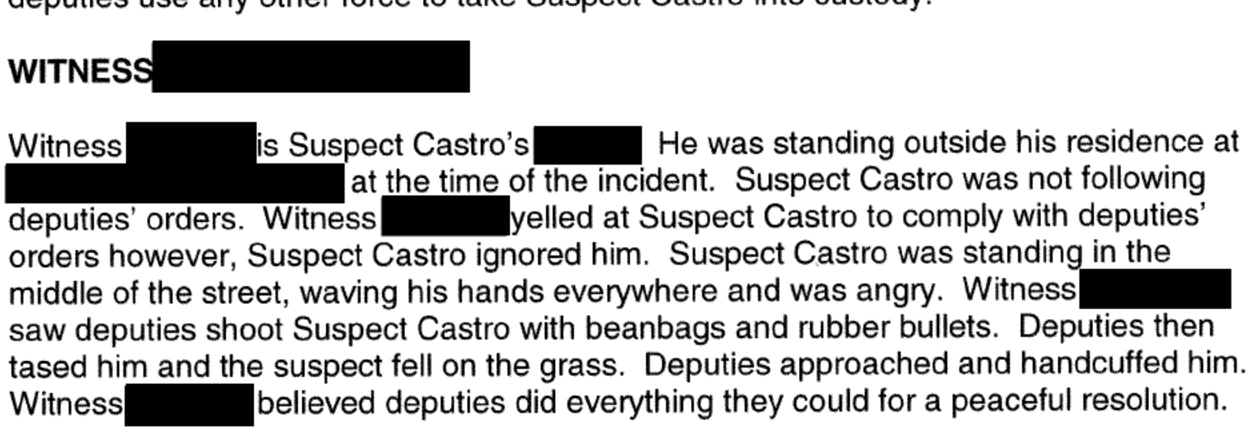
<u>CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS</u>

WITNESS [redacted]

Witness [redacted] told Sergeant Busch he was on his computer inside his residence when he heard a helicopter overhead. He went outside to see what was going on. He saw Suspect Castro standing in the middle of the street waving his arms and arguing with deputies. He heard the deputies tell Suspect Castro to get down. He also heard several of the suspect's family members yelling at him to get down. Suspect Castro was not listening to anyone. The deputies gave Suspect Castro plenty of time to comply with orders. Finally the deputies fired several shots at the suspect but it did not faze him. The deputies walked up to the suspect in a very professional manner and tased the suspect. Suspect Castro finally went down. Witness [redacted] said the deputies did a fantastic job.

WITNESS [redacted]

Witness [redacted] lives at [redacted] in the city of Norwalk. Suspect Castro is Witness [redacted] uncle. Witness [redacted] said Suspect Castro had a screwdriver in his hands, was resisting arrest, and not following the deputies' orders. Suspect Castro was very aggressive toward deputies. The deputies gave Suspect Castro plenty of opportunities to comply. Witness [redacted] was standing approximately 30 feet away from Suspect Castro, standing out on the front lawn. Witness [redacted] saw deputies fire several rounds of rubber bullets then tased Suspect Castro. He did not see the deputies use any other force to take Suspect Castro into custody.



WITNESS [redacted]

Witness [redacted] is Suspect Castro's [redacted] He was standing outside his residence at [redacted] at the time of the incident. Suspect Castro was not following deputies' orders. Witness [redacted] yelled at Suspect Castro to comply with deputies' orders however, Suspect Castro ignored him. Suspect Castro was standing in the middle of the street, waving his hands everywhere and was angry. Witness [redacted] saw deputies shoot Suspect Castro with beanbags and rubber bullets. Deputies then tased him and the suspect fell on the grass. Deputies approached and handcuffed him. Witness [redacted] believed deputies did everything they could for a peaceful resolution.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE INTERVIEWS

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY KEVIN MORT

On January 18, 2018, Deputy Kevin Mort was assigned to a single man car, Unit 45K2, Norwalk Station. Deputy Mort responded from a burglary report call to the call for service. At the time of his arrival, several deputies and Sergeant Gonzalez were already present and detaining the suspect at gunpoint.

Deputy Mort saw that the suspect had his right hand inside his pocket and was refusing to take it out. He was yelling and screaming at deputies to shoot him. He was pacing back and forth in front of [redacted] Elmcroft Avenue. The suspect had taken off his outer jacket and undershirt. He was wearing just jeans and produced a screwdriver from his pants' pocket. Sergeant Gonzalez gathered the responding deputies and began to formulate a tactical plan.

Deputy Mort was assigned the A.R.W.E.N. Deputy [redacted] retrieved the A.R.W.E.N. from Sergeant Salazar's Explorer and handed it to Deputy Mort. Deputy Mort positioned himself to the right side of Deputy Crisafi's vehicle with Sergeant Gonzalez standing behind him. The suspect advanced slowly toward them with the screwdriver in hand. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire one A.R.W.E.N. round at the suspect. From a distance of approximately 35 feet, Deputy Mort announced the deployment of the A.R.W.E.N. and struck the suspect in the upper left chest area.

The suspect reacted to the round by jumping around and yelling however, it did not stop his behavior. The suspect only became angrier. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire a second round. Deputy Mort could not get the release button to collapse so, Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy [redacted] to fire the StunBag. After manipulating the release button for a while, Deputy Mort was finally able to reload the A.R.W.E.N. Deputy [redacted] had fired 4 StunBag rounds at the suspect by that time. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire a second round at the suspect. Deputy Mort was unsure if the second A.R.W.E.N. round struck the suspect. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire a third A.R.W.E.N. round. Deputy Mort took a few steps closer to the suspect and from a distance of approximately 20 feet, fired a third round. The third round struck the suspect and caused him to drop the screwdriver to the ground.

Sergeant Gonzalez ordered the arrest team to advance toward the suspect. Deputy Mort did not move with the group. As the group approached, Deputy Mort saw the suspect turn toward Deputy [redacted] in an aggressive manner. Deputy [redacted] deployed his TASER, striking the suspect. The TASER was effective and the suspect fell to the ground. The arrest team, Deputies Becerra and Goble were able to handcuff the suspect without further incident.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY [redacted]

On January 18, 2018, Deputy [redacted] was assigned to a two person car, Unit 48, Norwalk Station. On that day, Deputy [redacted] was on training in the unincorporated area of Whittier. His field training officer was Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] was in his third phase of training at the time of the incident. They responded to the call and took the handle on the call for training purposes.

Upon arrival, there were several units and two sergeants on scene. Deputy [redacted] parked their patrol vehicle down the street on Leffingwell Road, just east of Elmcroft Avenue. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] walked briskly to Elmcroft Avenue to meet up with Sergeant Gonzalez.

Sergeant Gonzalez formulated a plan and assigned Deputy [redacted] to the StunBag. Deputy [redacted] ran back to a nearby patrol vehicle (unknown who it belonged to) and retrieved a StunBag from the trunk of the vehicle. Deputy [redacted] also went to a nearby sergeant's vehicle and grabbed the A.R.W.E.N. and some extra A.R.W.E.N. rounds. Deputy [redacted] gave the A.R.W.E.N. to Deputy Mort. Deputy [redacted] then took a position to the right of Deputy Crisafi's vehicle alongside Deputy Mort.

The suspect failed to comply with multiple orders, to give up the weapon, he had in his hand. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire one A.R.W.E.N. round at the suspect. Deputy [redacted] witnessed the A.R.W.E.N. round strike the suspect. The A.R.W.E.N. did not have any effect. The suspect still displayed signs of aggressive behavior. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire another A.R.W.E.N. round however, Deputy Mort was having difficulty ejecting the round. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy [redacted] to fire a round from the StunBag by tapping him on the shoulder. Deputy [redacted] announced, "StunBag, StunBag!" then fired one round at the suspect. Deputy [redacted] believed he struck the suspect but the round appeared to make the suspect angrier and he was still refusing commands.

Sergeant Gonzalez ordered another round to be fired. Deputy [redacted] missed. The round possibly hit the pavement near the suspect. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered another round to be fired. Deputy [redacted] fired another round. This round also missed, possibly striking a nearby vehicle. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered a fourth round be fired. Deputy [redacted] fired a fourth round, striking the suspect. The StunBag round did not have the desired effect on the suspect. Deputy [redacted] was out of StunBag rounds. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire another A.R.W.E.N. round. Deputy Mort was able to manipulate the weapon much quicker at this point. Deputy Mort fired an A.R.W.E.N. round.

Deputy [redacted] stayed at the patrol vehicle as the arrest team made their approach. Deputy [redacted] witnessed Deputy [redacted] TASER the suspect. When the suspect fell to the ground, Deputy [redacted] secured the StunBag and ran over to assist the arrest team. Deputies Becerra and Deputy Goble had the situation under control

and were able to handcuff the suspect without further incident. Deputy [redacted] did not see the suspect resist handcuffing.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY [redacted]

On January 18, 2018, Deputy [redacted] was assigned to Unit 48, Norwalk Sheriff's Station, as a field training officer. His assigned trainee was Deputy [redacted]

While on patrol Deputy [redacted] heard an initial radio call for service broadcasted over the main radio frequency of an assault with a deadly weapon call, in the city of Norwalk. Shortly thereafter, Deputy Crisafi activated the patch and broadcasted he was detaining the suspect at gunpoint. Deputy [redacted] and his partner, Deputy [redacted] responded to the area.

Upon arrival, Deputy [redacted] parked the patrol unit directly behind the victim's taxi van, along the east curb of Leffingwell Road. Deputy [redacted] along with his partner, Deputy [redacted] made their approach on foot to Elmcroft Avenue. Several units along with Sergeant Gonzalez and Sergeant Salazar were already on scene. Deputy [redacted] made contact with Sergeant Gonzalez and they began to formulate a plan of action.

The suspect kept moving back and forth and side to side. They decided if the suspect made an advance towards them, they would deploy less lethal weapons. The suspect's distance was approximately 30 feet away and the A.R.W.E.N. was decided to be used first as a way to stop the suspect from advancing towards them. Deputy Mort fired a round from the A.R.W.E.N. at the suspect. The round seemed to have no effect on the suspect. He continued to threaten the deputies with the screwdriver. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy [redacted] to fire the StunBag. Deputy [redacted] fired 4 StunBag rounds at the suspect. The StunBag rounds did not have the desired effect on the suspect.

Sergeant Gonzalez ordered Deputy Mort to fire more A.R.W.E.N. rounds at the suspect. One of the A.R.W.E.N. rounds struck the suspect and caused him to drop the screwdriver. Sergeant Gonzalez ordered the arrest team to approach the suspect to affect an arrest since he didn't have any weapons in his hands.

The suspect continued to have a fighting stance as the group approached. Sergeant Gonzalez directed Deputy [redacted] to TASER the suspect if he had an opportunity. Deputy [redacted] tried to flank around behind the suspect in an attempt to TASER the suspect in the meaty muscle part of his back. However, when the suspect saw Deputy [redacted] he turned toward his direction and clenched his fists. Deputy [redacted] deployed the TASER. The TASER prongs hit the suspect in the abdomen area and groin area of his jeans. The TASER had an immediate effect.

The suspect fell to the ground onto a grass area of the nearby sidewalk. The arrest team, Deputies Becerra and Goble, moved in and handcuffed the suspect without incident. They turned the suspect onto his back and sat him up to monitor his vitals until the fire department arrived. The suspect did not appear to be in any distress.

X-26 TASER Inspection

Sergeant Gonzalez took possession of TASER X26P assigned to Deputy [redacted] after the incident. He downloaded the firing data recorded by the TASER X26P serial number #[redacted] **[Miscellaneous Documents].**

The firing data showed one activation.

Seq #	Time	Duration
52	19:28:31	5 seconds

<u>SUSPECT INTERVIEW</u>

SUSPECT JOSE CASTRO

On January 19, 2018, IAB Sergeant's Amber Veatch and David Moore responded to LAC + USC Medical center in the city of Los Angeles to conduct an interview with Suspect Castro. The interview was digitally video recorded and submitted as **[EXHIBIT G].** The following is a summary of the interview:

Suspect Castro's speech was extremely rapid, incoherent, and he had a hard time maintaining his train of thought. Suspect Castro admitted to having consumed some alcoholic beverages and ingesting narcotics. Suspect Castro stated he had been arrested numerous times in the city of Norwalk since 2011. He said he is a two striker and was considered armed and dangerous. Suspect Castro did not believe he did anything wrong to the taxi driver and when deputies arrived on scene he said he was "being a little rude." He maintained a three cars length distance from deputies. Suspect Castro said he was feeling strong and was tired of dealing with the police.

Suspect Castro had the screwdriver in his hand and was holding it as a joke. Suspect Castro told deputies to shoot him because he was ready to go. At one point, he thought deputies wanted to take him into an alley to rape him. Suspect Castro did not want to go back to jail. He said he wanted the deputies to charge him so he could physically fight them.

When asked if he followed the deputies commands, Suspect Castro replied, "Hell no, I didn't do what the deputies wanted me to do"! Suspect Castro said at least 5 of the seven shots hit him. He said the first shot hit his upper chest area and hurt. He said the TASER hurt the worst and knocked him to the ground. Suspect Castro said he thought the deputies were very handsome and did their job.

IAB Note: On September 20, 2018, IAB investigators sent a certified letter to Suspect Castro in an attempt to re-interview him in a less altered state. On October 3, 2018, IAB investigators conducted a door knock at Suspect Castro's address on file. The residence was vacant. No forwarding information was available for Suspect Castro. To date, Suspect Castro could not be contacted.